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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of textile piece goods in rope form or tubular form by an exhaust process from aqueous liquor, comprising the steps of:
providing textile piece goods;
applying (P₁) water-dispersible or colloidal soluble polyamides containing hydrophilic polyalkylene glycol ether chains in the skeletal structure as wet-acting lubricants.

and then

applying a textile treatment agent (T) consisting essentially of

(T₁) pre-treatment agents,

(T₂) main treatment agents, or

(T₃) after-treatment agents;

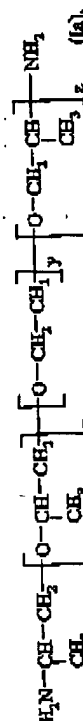
and

applying (P₂) water-dispersible or colloidal soluble polyamides which contain hydrophilic polyalkylene glycol ether chains in the skeletal structure as wet-acting lubricants,

wherein said (P₂) is made from

(A₁) aliphatic, alicyclic or aromatic diamines which otherwise contain no hydrophilic components or substituents,

(A₂) a diamine of the average formula



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- z denotes a number ≥ 1 ,
and the sum $x+y+z = 3$ to 100, with the proviso that y $[2x+z]$ is in the range from $2(x+z)$ to $10(x+z)$ and where the molar ratio of $\langle A_1 \rangle$ to the sum of $\langle A_2 \rangle + \langle A_3 \rangle$ is < 0.6 mol-%,
and
(B₁) alkanedicarboxylic acids having 2 to 36 carbon atoms, aromatic dicarboxylic acids having one to three benzene rings, two of which may optionally be fused, or alicyclic dicarboxylic acids which contain 9 to 18 carbon atoms and contain one benzene ring or two optionally fused benzene rings, where aromatic rings may be bonded to further aliphatic, aromatic or alicyclic parts of the molecule, optionally via oxygen,
and optionally monofunctional compounds (E) which are suitable for the end-capping of the polyamides, and/or higher-oligo-functional compounds (H) which are suitable for the branching of the polyamides.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, where $\langle A_1 \rangle$ is a C₄-C₆ alkanediamine.
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, where $\langle B_1 \rangle$ is an alkanedicarboxylic acid having 2 to 36 carbon atoms.
4. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, where
 $\langle A_1 \rangle$ is hexamethylenediamine
 and $\langle B_1 \rangle$ is adipic acid.
5. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, where $\langle P_A \rangle$ is employed in the form of an aqueous, concentrated preparation (W).

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6. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 5, where (W) is an aqueous preparation or colloidal solution which is characterised by a content of (P_A) and

(F) a flow-control agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, butanediol, hexylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, butyl diglycol and glycerol,

and/or (G) a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of homopolyacrylamides, copolyacrylamide-acrylic acids, and partially saponified polyacrylamides.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, where (W), in addition to (P_A), (F) and/or (G), contains at least one of the following components

(X) a non-ionic emulsifier or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers and anionic or amphoteric emulsifiers or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers, anionic emulsifiers and amphoteric emulsifiers,

(Y) at least one agent for setting the pH

and (Z) at least one formulation additive selected from

(Z₁) an agent which inhibits bacterial growth or a microbicide

or (Z₂) reducing agent or a bleaching agent.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, where (T) is at least one dye or at least one optical brightener.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, in the dyeing or optical brightening of textile material made from synthetic polyamide fibres, optionally blended with other fibres, in jet dyeing machines.

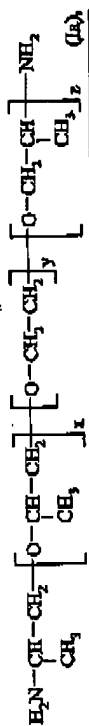
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10. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, in the dyeing or optical brightening of textile material made from synthetic polyamide microfibres, optionally blended with other fibres of comparable fineness

11. (Currently Amended) Wet-acting lubricant for the dyeing or optical brightening of textile piece goods in rope or tubular form by exhaust methods from aqueous liquor under conditions which would otherwise in the textile substrate favour the formation of transport folds or the occurrence of friction in or on the substrate, characterised by comprising a content of a water-dispersible or colloidal soluble polyamide (P₁) which is defined as in Claim 4 wherein said (P₁) is made by the process comprising the steps of reacting (A₁), (A₂) and (B₁), wherein

(A₁) is a C₂-C₁₂-alkanediamine,

(A₂) is a diamine of the average formula



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and the sum $x+y+z = 3$ to 100, with the proviso that y is in the range from $2(x+z)$ to $10(x+z)$,

and

(B₁) is alkanedicarboxylic acids having 2 to 38 carbon atoms and adding during the reaction at the beginning of the cooling off period (F) a flow-control agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, butanediol, hexylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, butyl diglycol and glycerol.

12. (Cancelled)

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13. (Currently Amended) Wet-acting lubricant according to Claim 11, consisting essentially of (P₁) water and at least one of the additives (F) a flow-control agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, butanediol, hexylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, butyl diglycol and glycerol;
— and/or —

— (G) a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of homopolyacrylamides, copolyacrylamide-acrylic acids, and partially saponified polyacrylamides

and optionally at least one of the additives

(X) a non-ionic emulsifier or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers and anionic or amphoteric emulsifiers or a mixture of non-ionic emulsifiers, anionic emulsifiers and amphoteric emulsifiers,

(Y) at least one agent for setting the pH

and (Z) at least one formulation additive selected from

(Z₁) an agent which inhibits bacterial growth or a microbiocide

or (Z₂) reducing agent or a bleaching agent.

14. through 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A method for the treatment of textile piece goods in rope form or tubular form by an exhaust process from aqueous liquor, comprising the steps of:

providing textile piece goods;

applying (P₂) water-dispersible or colloidal soluble polyamides which

contain hydrophilic polyalkylene glycol ether chains in the skeletal

structure as wet-acting lubricants,

and then

applying a textile treatment agent (T) consisting essentially of

(T₁) pre-treatment agents.

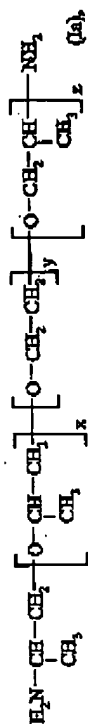
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(T₂) main treatment agents, or
(T₃) after-treatment agents;

wherein said (P₂) is made from

(A₁) C₂-C₁₈ alkanediamines,

(A₂) a diamine of the average formula



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z denotes a number ≥ 1 ,

and the sum $x+y+z = 3$ to 100, with the proviso that $y [2x+z]$ is in the range from $2(x+z)$ to $10(x+z)$,

and

(B₁) alkanedicarboxylic acids having 2 to 38 carbon atoms.

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